

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT  
APPLICATION**

Attorney Docket: J-BSIM.1004

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

- My residence, Mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Beam End Weld Preparation

the specification of which  
(check one)

  X   is attached hereto.  
       was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as     Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ or Express  
Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known \_\_\_\_\_; and was amended  
on \_\_\_\_\_.  
       was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on  
\_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a), and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent. **In compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement IAW 37 C.F.R. § 1.98**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

  X   no such applications have been filed  
       such applications have been filed as follows:

Priority Claimed

YES NO

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(Country)

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(Day/Month/Year Filed)

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(Day/Month/Year Filed)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/424,082, filed November 5, 2002 for *Weld Preparation*; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/463,898, filed 4/16/03 for *Beam End Weld Component Preparation*

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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